

**In the Specification:**

Please amend the specification as shown:

Please delete the paragraph on page 11, lines 5-6

Please delete the paragraph on page 11, lines 7-10, and replace it with the following paragraph:

Figure 3 2 (SEQ ID NOS 1, 6, 4, 7 and 8, respectively, in order of appearance) shows results of a proliferation assay of mouse spleen cells and shows spleen enlargement in mice administered no oligonucleotide (c), or various unsubstituted or methylphosphonate substituted oligonucleotides. Underlined nucleosides have a methylphosphonate linkage at the 3' position.

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**In the Drawings:**

Please delete original Figure 2, and renumber Figure 3 as Figure 2. Formal drawings are provided with this Amendment. Additionally, new Figure 2 has been amended to include the SEQ ID NOs for the sequence disclosures in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.821(a)(1) and (a)(2).